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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 7

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1. AFGHANISTAN: LEFTIST TREND EVIDENT IN KEY APPOINTMENTS

EMBASSY KABUL REPORTS A LEFTIST ORIENTATION IS EVIDENT IN A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN. MANY APPOINTEES HAVE BEEN LABELED AS PARCHAM PARTY (COMMUNIST) MEMBERS OR SUPPORTERS, BUT INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE TO ASSESS THE ACTUAL POLITICAL LEANINGS OF THE NEW INCUMBENTS. (SECRET) KABUL 6949, 9/26 (LIMDIS).

2. VOA COMMENTARIES CONFUSE SOVIETS

USA INSTITUTE DIRECTOR ARBATOV COMPLAINED TO USIA DIRECTOR KEOUGH IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 25 THAT VOA COMMENTARIES ON DISSIDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION TAKE A POSITION DIFFERENT FROM OFFICIAL US POLICY, THEREBY CREATING GRAVE DOUBTS IN THE MINDS OF SOVIET OFFICIALS AS TO WHAT US POLICY REALLY IS.
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ARBATOV ALSO COMMENTED THAT CERTAIN AMERICANS ARE TALKING LOOSELY ABOUT STRATEGIC WEAPONS, THUS CASTING SHADOWS ON THE SOVIET READING OF US DETENTE POLICY. (CONFIDENTIAL)
MOSCOW 11713,9/26.

3. CHOU EN-LAI FOUND LIVELY BUT IN WORSE HEALTH

RETIRED CANADIAN DIPLOMAT CHESTER RONNING TOLD A USLO OFFICER THAT CHOU EN-LAI APPEARED IN WORSE HEALTH THAN WHEN RONNING SAW HIM IN 1972. RONNING, WHO SAW CHOU ON SEPTEMBER 24, ASSUMES CHOU IS SUFFERING FROM A HEART CONDITION, BUT COMMENTED THAT CHOU CONTINUES TO DEMONSTRATE HIS FORMIDABLE COMMAND OF EVEN THE MOST MINUTE DETAIL. (CONFIDENTIAL) PEKING 1133, 9/26 (EXDIS)

4. US-EC RELATIONS: ORTOLI VISIT

EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI TOLD US MISSION EC BRUSSELS THAT HIS PRIMARY INTEREST FOR HIS UPCOMING WASHINGTON TRIP IS IN HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGES ON EC DEVELOPMENTS AND US-EC RELATIONS. ON "YEAR OF EUROPE" MATTERS, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE SUBSTANCE IN THE DRAFT DECLARATION. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE ON GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE TRADE AND MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS, ORTOLI FAVORS A DECLARATION FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLICY REASONS. TIME PERMITTING, HE WILL PUT FORWARD HIS VIEW THAT, IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD OUR COMMON INTEREST IS IN A PROMPT AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS. HE CONSIDERS THE NEW DEADLINE OF JULY 1974 AS DANGEROUSLY FAR OFF. HE ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL AT THE UN FOR A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. (CONFIDENTIAL) US MISSION EC BRUSSELS 5470, 9/25 (EXDIS)

5. CERRO AWAITS PERU'S REACTION TO PRESS RELEASE

A HIGH-RANKING CERRO DE PASCO OFFICIAL IN LIMA HAS TOLD OUR EMBASSY THAT HE UNDERSTANDS PERU IS PREPARING A STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENT ATTACKING THE COMPANY FOR BREAKING OFF NEGOTIATIONS. HE ALLEGES THAT THE PERUVIANS ARE FEARFUL
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OF REPERCUSSIONS SHOULD THEY SEIZE CERRO PROPERTIES. THE EMBASSY ALSO REPORTS THAT COMPANY OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THAT DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAD NOT BEEN TOO HAPPY WITH CERRO'S PROPOSED ACTION, BUT THAT WHITE HOUSE CONTACTS WERE MORE RECEPTIVE. (CONFIDENTIAL) LIMA 7065 AND 7083, 9/25

6. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

A.) IN LIBYA ANOTHER OIL COMPANY GIVES IN ...
EMBASSY TRIPOLI REPORTS THAT MOBIL'S GERMAN PARTNER, GELSENBERG, HAS ACCEPTED A 51 PERCENT NATIONALIZATION OF ITS HOLDINGS WITH COMPENSATION AT NET BOOK VALUE. IT HAS ALSO AGREED TO BUY BACK THE OIL AT AN INITIAL PRICE OF DOLLARS \$4.90 A BARREL. (UNCLASSIFIED) TRIPOLI 1241, 9/26

B) AND SAUDIS DEFER ON INVESTMENT GROUP

MORGAN GUARANTY VICE PRESIDENT HAS TOLD EMBASSY JIDDA THAT THE SAUDIS ARE DELAYING THE APPOINTMENT OF A THREE MAN INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT ADVISORY GROUP. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, THE SAUDIS ARE DRAGGING THEIR HEELS BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND ARE AWAITING TO EVALUATE THEIR DECISION IN THE CONTEXT OF US MIDDLE EASTERN EFFORTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) JIDDA 4165, 9/26

7. CERRO GETS PERU'S REACTION

IN A SHARPLY WORDED COMMUNIQUE, THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES OF PERU HAS REJECTED CERRO'S CHARGES, AND ACCUSED THE CORPORATION OF GROSS MISREPRESENTATION AND BAD FAITH, LABELING IT "POWERFUL, ANTISOCIAL, AND IMPERIAL." THE COMMUNIQUE STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING FOR A TAKEOVER OF THE CERRO, BUT WARNED THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT WAS EVALUATING THE STATEMENT FOR HIDDEN INTENTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) LIMA 7130,9/26.

8. ESSO PROPOSES TO USE OECD HLG GROUP

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CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE OIL INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER GOVERNMENTS, EXXON (NEW YORK) IS CONSIDERING PUTTING BEFORE THE INDUSTRY GROUP ESSO EUROPE A PROPOSAL TO MAKE GREATER USE OF THE OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP (HLG) MACHINERY DURING PERIODS OF IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY LONDON ESSO HOPES THE ADOPTION OF THIS MEASURE WILL LEAD TO A GREATER ACCEPTANCE BY CONSUMER COUNTRIES OF RESULTS OF INDUSTRY NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRODUCER STATES.
(CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 11036, 9/26. RUSH

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